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SUBJ: SOVIET VIEW OF KUWAIT/ IRAQ BORDER CLASH

BEIRUT POUCH BAGHDAD

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1. WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO CONFIRM OR DENY KUWAIT REPORT
(REFTEL A), WE FEEL IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT SOVIETS WOULD
APPROACH IRANIANS WITH WARNING THAT COULD ONLY AGGRAVATE
SHAH' S ALREADY DEEP SUSPICIONS ABOUT MOSCOW/ BAGHDAD
RELATIONSHIP AND TORPEDO PRIMARY PURPOSE BEHIND RECENT
KOSYGIN VISIT TO IRAN. FURTHERMORE, AT TIME WHEN MOSCOW IS
PRESSING FOR INCREASED CONTACT AND PRESENCE IN PERSIAN GULF
REGION, WE BELIEVE SOVIETS (CONTRARY TO ISRAELI VIEW
REPORTED REFTEL B) VIEW IRAQI ACTION AGAINST KUWAIT AS ILL-
TIMED AND UNHELPFUL.

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2. MFA OFFICIAL' S COMMENTS TO US (REFTEL C), MINIMIZING SIGNIFICANCE OF IRAQI ACTION AND PREDICTING QUICK SETTLEMENT, WHILE SELF-SERVING ARE ADDITIONAL INDICATION OF SOVIET ANNOYANCE OVER LATEST IRAQI ACTION AND DESIRE TO SEE EARLY END TO IT. ANOTHER SIGN IS FACT THAT SOVIET PRESS HAD BEEN SILENT ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS, EXCEPT FOR BRIEF TASS ITEM COVERAGE INDICATING IMMINENT SETTLEMENT.
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